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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice, and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 27 and 34, without prejudice, and add claims 35 and 36. Please insert claims 28 and 29 as presented below in amended form:

28 (Amended). The method of claim 35 wherein said administration into the alimentary canal is oral, rectal, endoscopic, sublingual or buccal administration.